

MAGNOLIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
February 21, 2021 Lent 1
10am



David Cherwien

Prelude Jesus, Still Lead On

Welcome and Introductions

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of
the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us
pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here
their worship and praise, let us pray to
the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the
chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from
sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that
the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

Amen.

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing

my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Holy Words, Holy Wisdom. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

Before the reading: Glory to you, O Lord!

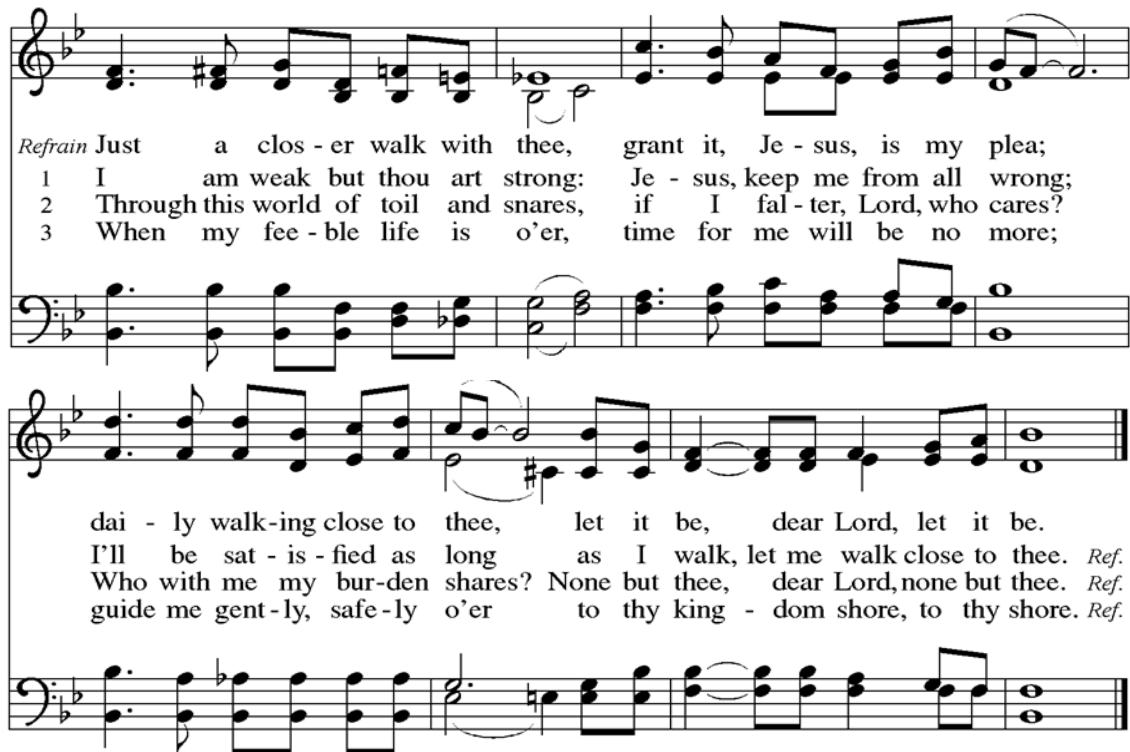
⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

After the reading: Praise to you, O Christ!

Homily



Refrain Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea;
 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

dai - ly walk - ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.
 I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Ref.*
 Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Ref.*
 guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore. *Ref.*

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead

us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Hear us O, God. **Your mercy is great.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever
and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Blessing

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Johann Pachekbek

If you wish to join MLC for the coffee hour at 11am, please contact our Parish Administrator, Nancy, at

206-284-0155 or

parishadmin@magnoliachurch.com

She will be happy to send you a link!



A Lenten Prayer for God to Bring Beauty from Ashes

By Debbie McDaniel

"To bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair." Isa 61:3

As we walk through this season of Lent, we're reminded again that sometimes...life is hard.

Sometimes it hurts. Sometimes it's dark.

And it leaves its mark, like ashes of grief, in the deepest part of our souls, where no one but God can really see. Yet even in times of ashes and struggle, even when we think we've been forgotten in our seasons of waiting, God is still there.

And He is bigger.

As believers, we can still hold on to hope. For He never intends for us to stay stuck in our sin, pain, or deep sorrow. He heals and restores, He calls us onward, He reminds us that in Him, we have great purpose and hope.

There's beauty and greatness behind every mark of darkness. The ashes will fall away, they don't stay forever, but His greatness and glory shine forever through every broken place and flaw we've struggled through.

Jesus conquered death. He lives forever. He reigns in glory. And we have victory in Him. There's still beauty ahead, straight out of ashes. Christ redeems. Grace.



We have been putting together recordings with as many voices from MLC as possible to play as the Hymn of the Day during the live stream Worship services on Sundays. You've probably heard some of them if you tune in to Sunday's service.

We would like to add your voice!

Watch your inboxes for your next recording opportunity and give it a try!

ONLINE MEETINGS

Bible Study: Tuesday at 11am

Just a Closer Walk With Thee:

Tuesdays at 7pm during lent; begins on February 23rd.

Mediation & Prayer: Wednesday at 11am

Let's Chat: Thursday at 11am

Topical Discussion: Thursday at 7pm

Mary's Place

Mary's Place provides safe, inclusive shelter and services that support women, children and families on their journey out of homelessness.

MLC's Social Action Committee has chosen Mary's Place to help during these trying times; by providing donations of anything and everything that someone may need to care for their baby.

Please drop donations off to the breezeway on the East side of the church.

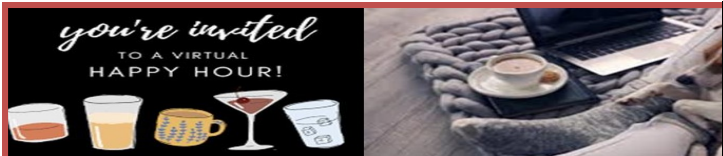


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ZOOM MEETINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION



WOMAN OF THE ELCA VIRTUAL HAPPY HOUR

Come join for a virtual happy hour with the ladies from MLC ! The first and third Monday of the month at 7pm. Just a time for a casual chat and check in. **This is a “no-host” meeting, just log in to the link that will be sent to you and wait for others to join!**

Questions:

parishadmin@magnolialutheranchurch.com



SINGING WITH ANN—SCHEDULE

Feb 24th—March 31st— Holden Evening Prayer with Ann, everyone is invited to participate! Watch your in boxes for an email with a link to the music!

April 7th—Singing with Ann Resumes

LOOK!
NEW INFO



Thursdays at 11am
with Pastor Kevin

The floor is open to chat about anything and everything. You start the conversation! So tune in on Thursdays at 11am and Let's Chat!

JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

Have you ever sought out a closer relationship with our creator? God is constantly with us. And there are some time-tested methods of spiritual practices that allow us to be more in touch with the One who is a Constant Presence in our lives.

This year, our Lenten Theme is Just a Closer Walk with Thee. These words come from a hymn that we will repeatedly sing in Lent. We will meet for conversation on this theme on Tuesdays at 7pm beginning on February 23.



TOPICAL DISCUSSION

Thursdays at 7pm.

February 25th — Joe Strandjord, special ed teacher. Joe will be talking about the challenge of teaching special ed students during Covid.

March 4th — TBD

Wednesdays at 11am via zoom

Prayer and Meditation
With Pastor Kevin

Email Notifications

if you're not receiving emails for these important announcements, please contact MLC's parish administrator to be added to the email list. 206-284-0155 or email:

parishadmin@magnolialutheranchurch.com

If you were receiving the emails but aren't now, please check your spam and trash.

**Please Remember
In Prayer**

Daniel Meloy
Linda Kellenberger
Dave Larson
Brian Rowse, DVM (cousin of the Backmans)
Don Goertzen
Erika Simonson
Josephine Wright (mother of LuAnn Mitchell)
Family of Kevin Beneke (brother-in-law of Barb Heinen)
Family of Bob McIntosh
Pauline McIntosh
Vickie Edmondson
Family of Nina Steidl
Family of Helen Kack
Family of J.J. Rentel
Family of William Olden
Family of Barbara Munro
Samantha Scheiber
Gudrun Brown (friend of Alice Pease)
Brian Reiersen and Julia Christianson (recovering from car accident)
Kay Thoreson
Georgia Backman
Gail Hendrickson

*If you wish to add someone to the prayer
list, please contact the church office.*

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**Financial Update
Through January 2021**

*Income — \$ 59,234

Expenses—\$ 25,803

*Includes Prepaid Pledges

**Congregation
Council 2020-2021**

Council Officers:

President -- Serena Severance
Vice President -- Dave Heinen
Secretary-- Bob Bergeron
Treasurer -- Dwight Dively
Financial Secretary-- Alice Pease

Contact council officers at
[council@magnolialutheran
church.com](mailto:council@magnolialutheran
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Council members:

*The year listed is when the
member's term ends, in June.*

Mike Olden (2022)
Property Committee
Robert Bergeron (2023)
Columbarium Committee
Serena Severance (2020)
Finance Committee
Women of the ELCA
Olivia Massimiano (2023)
Outreach
Stewardship Committee
Bob Bergeron (2022)
Stewardship Committee
Dave Heinen (2021)
Audit Committee
Nominating Committee
Bob Zierman (2023)
Social Action Committee
Kimberly Milham (2023)
Fellowship Committee
Women of the ELCA
Deborah Ramsey (2021)
Faith Formation
Fellowship Committee
Kay Thoreson (2021)
Personnel Committee
Worship & Music Committee

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Share your God-given gifts by giving generously

- Sunday Offering
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- Computer or smartphone online giving:
 - ⇒ Credit, Debit, Checking account
 - ⇒ One-time or recurring gifts

Set up online giving on our website
www.magnolialutheranchurch.com/give-1

Additional Ways to Give

We are pleased to let you know that we have two additional ways to give! First, you will notice that there is a QR code printed on this page. A QR code is a quick-response bar code that can be scanned by your cell phone's QR reader or camera, and re-direct you to a website. Just open your camera and point it at the code, then open the link it gives you on your screen. Our QR code will take you directly to the MLC giving platform. Secondly, MLC now has a PayPal account!

The "PayPal" link is on our giving homepage, and will allow you to give directly to the church and other organizations that MLC sponsors, and is another option for setting up recurring payments. If you have any questions about these two giving options, please let us know!

You can send an email to Nancy at
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OUR CORE VALUES

- All are welcome here.
- Everybody does something.
- There is no minimum or maximum age for ministry.
- This is a safe place for all God's children.
- We are good stewards of God's creation.

Pastor — Kevin Bates

Director of Music Ministry — Ann Simonson

Parish Administrator — Nancy Searle

Caretaker — Mara Meloy

Nursery Attendant — Diana Frederick

Ministers — All the Baptized Children of God

Live Stream Production — Evan Kelly, Mark Kelly, Aaron Stevens and Michael Lord